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25X1X 1. Six jet aircraft [REDACTED] took off from the Brandenburg-Briest airfield (N 53°Z 13°) at 9 a.m.

2. Description of jet planes :

a. Type 1 : Air intake in nose, air exhaust at tail, fuselage cigar-shaped, midwing monoplane, wings almost angular and considerably swept back. Leading edge of wing set in line with trailing edge of cockpit. Cockpit roof beginning about 1 m aft of nose. Single-seater. Very high rudder assembly, considerably slanting. Considerably swept-back elevator assembly set at upper third of rudder assembly. Landing gear and nose wheel very low, landing gear retracting inward into wings.

b. Type 2 : Nose of fuselage large and clumsy, air intake in nose, air exhaust under fuselage in line with trailing edge of wings. Landing gear retracting inward into wings, nose wheel. Conventional rudder assembly. Two-seat, second seat facing to the rear (clearly seen in planes landing). Armament of estimated 20-mm caliber protruding to rear by 50 to 80 centimeters.

The total number of aircraft could not be ascertained. Only local flights were made throughout the day until 4 p.m. by four type-1 and two type-2 planes, with extended landing gear. Take-offs and landings were made at intervals of one to two minutes. There were intervals of from 20 to 30 minutes during which the planes were probably refueled. A radio truck, two trucks, an ambulance and a fire truck were standing at the take-off point on the eastern edge of the field. A local resident stated that the jet planes flew almost every day. Formation flying of three type 1.

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